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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Ryuichi MATSUKURA

Serial No. 09/017,329

Group Art Unit: 2142

Confirmation No. 8159

Filed: February 2, 1998

Examiner: J. Cardone

For: COMPUTER NETWORK SYSTEM AND PORTABLE COMPUTER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is to be considered with the RCE filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **AMEND** claims 1-10 and 16-21 as follows:

and 6-17  
1. (THREE TIMES AMENDED) A computer network system in which plural connecting means capable of connecting and disconnecting a computer is provided in a network circuit to which a first computer has been connected, and a second computer is connected to one of said connecting means, wherein